

In the claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion of particles with an average particle size of less than 1000 nm said particles comprising

- a) a polymer carrier prepared by heterophase oil in water radical polymerization of at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₈acrylates, C₁-C₁₈methacrylates, acrylic acid, (meth)acrylic acid, styrene, vinyltoluene, hydroxy-functional acrylates, hydroxy-functional (meth)acrylates, acrylates derived from alkoxyated alcohols, (meth)acrylates derived from alkoxyated alcohols, multifunctional acrylates and multifunctional (meth)acrylates in the presence of
- b) a non-polar organic light stabilizer, 1 wherein the non-polar organic light stabilizer has a water solubility of less than 1 % by weight at room temperature and atmospheric pressure,

wherein the weight ratio of non-polar organic light stabilizer to polymer carrier is greater than 100 parts of light stabilizer per 100 parts of carrier and ~~the total solids~~ particle content of the aqueous polymer dispersion is more than 20% by weight based on the total weight of the aqueous polymer dispersion.

2. **(original)** A concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion according to claim 1 comprising additionally a non-ionic, cationic or anionic surfactant.

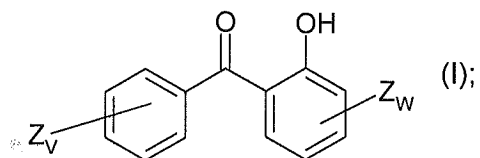
3. **(previously presented)** A concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of non-polar organic light stabilizer to polymer carrier is equal or greater than 120 parts per 100 parts.

4. **(original)** A concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion according to claim 1 wherein the average particle size is less than 500 nm.

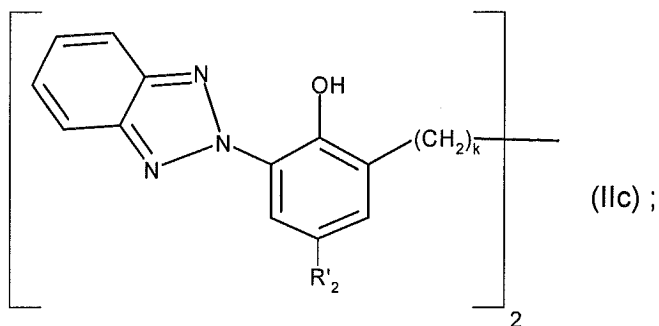
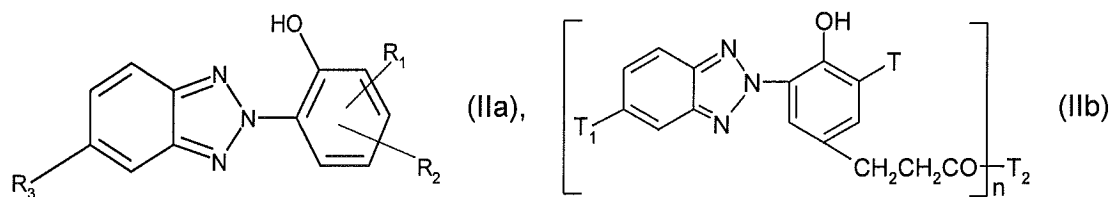
5. **(original)** A concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion according to claim 1 wherein the non-polar organic light stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyphenyl benzotriazol UV-absorber, a hydroxyphenyl triazine UV-absorber, a hydroxybenzophenone UV-absorber, an oxalic anilide UV-absorber and a sterically hindered amine light stabilizer or mixtures thereof.

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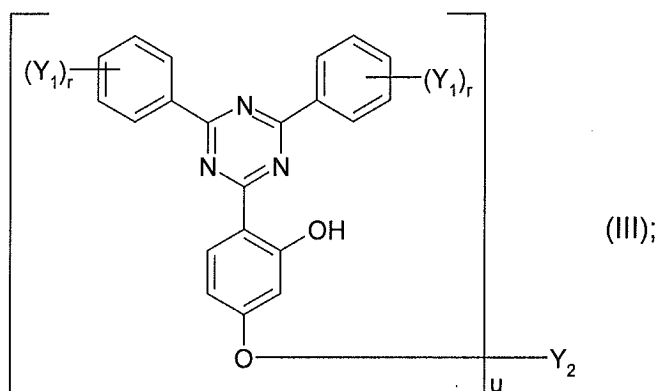
8. **(original)** A concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion according to claim 5 wherein the hydroxybenzophenone is of formula I



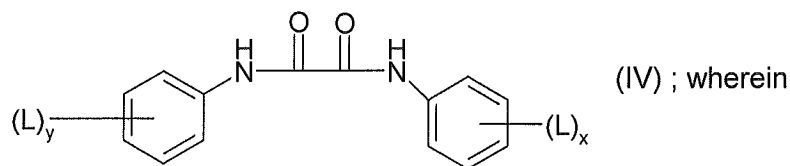
the 2-hydroxyphenylbenzotriazole is of formula IIa, IIb or IIc



the 2-hydroxyphenyltriazine is of formula III



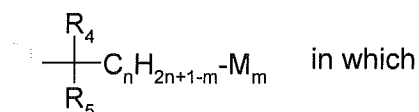
and the oxanilide is of formula (IV)



in the compounds of the formula (I) v is an integer from 1 to 3 and w is 1 or 2 and the substituents Z independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl or alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms;

in the compounds of the formula (IIa),

R₁ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, phenylalkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, cycloalkyl having 5 to 8 carbon atoms or a radical of the formula



R₄ and R₅ independently of one another are alkyl having in each case 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or R₄, together with the radical C_nH_{2n+1-m}, forms a cycloalkyl radical having 5 to 12 carbon atoms, m is 1 or 2, n is an integer from 2 to 20 and

M is a radical of the formula -COOR₆ in which

R₆ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl having in each case 1 to 20 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety and in the alkoxy moiety or phenylalkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety,

R₂ is hydrogen, halogen, alkyl having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, and phenylalkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, and

R₃ is hydrogen, chlorine, alkyl or alkoxy having in each case 1 to 4 carbon atoms or -COOR₆ in which R₆ is as defined above, at least one of the radicals R₁ and R₂ being other than hydrogen;

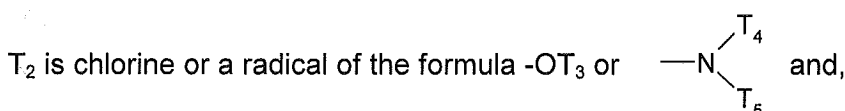
in the compounds of the formula (IIb)

T is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

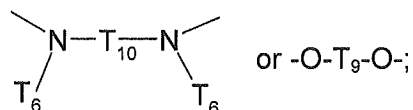
T₁ is hydrogen, chlorine or alkyl or alkoxy having in each case 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

n is 1 or 2 and,

if n is 1,

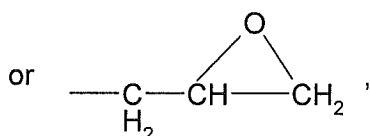


if n is 2, T₂ is a radical of the formula



in which

T₃ is hydrogen, alkyl which has 1 to 18 carbon atoms and is unsubstituted or substituted by 1 to 3 hydroxyl groups or by -OCOT₆, alkyl which has 3 to 18 carbon atoms, is interrupted once or several times by -O- or -NT₆- and is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxyl or -OCOT₆, cycloalkyl which has 5 to 12 carbon atoms and is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxyl and/or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkenyl which has 2 to 18 carbon atoms and is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxyl, phenylalkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or a radical of the formula -CH₂CH(OH)-T₇



T₄ and T₅ independently of one another are hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkyl which has 3 to 18 carbon atoms and is interrupted once or several times by -O- or -NT₆-, cycloalkyl having 5 to 12 carbon atoms, phenyl, phenyl which is substituted by alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 3 to 8 carbon atoms, phenylalkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety or hydroxyalkyl having 2 to 4 carbon atoms,

T₆ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5 to 12 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 3 to 8 carbon atoms, phenyl, phenyl which is substituted by alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, phenylalkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety,

T₇ is hydrogen, alkyl having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxyl, phenylalkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or -CH₂OT₈,

T₈ is alkyl having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 3 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5 to 10 carbon atoms, phenyl, phenyl which is substituted by alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or phenylalkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety,

T₉ is alkylene having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, alkenylene having 4 to 8 carbon atoms, alkynylene having 4 carbon atoms, cyclohexylene, alkylene which has 2 to 8 carbon atoms and is interrupted once or several times by -O-, or a radical of the formula -CH₂CH(OH)CH₂OT₁₁OCH₂CH(OH)CH₂- or -CH₂-C(CH₂OH)₂-CH₂-,

T₁₀ is alkylene which has 2 to 20 carbon atoms and can be interrupted once or several times by -O-, or cyclohexylene,

T₁₁ is alkylene having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, alkylene which has 2 to 18 carbon atoms and is interrupted once or several times by -O-, 1,3-cyclohexylene, 1,4-cyclohexylene, 1,3-phenylene or 1,4-phenylene, or

T₁₀ and T₆, together with the two nitrogen atoms, are a piperazine ring;

in the compounds of formula (IIc)

R'₂ is C₁-C₁₂alkyl and k is a number from 1 to 4;

in the compounds of the formula (III)

u is 1 or 2 and r is an integer from 1 to 3, the substituents

Y₁ independently of one another are hydrogen, hydroxyl, phenyl or halogen, halogenomethyl, alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 18 carbon atoms which is substituted by a group -COO(C₁-C₁₈alkyl);

if u is 1,

Y₂ is alkyl having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxyl, halogen, alkyl or alkoxy having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

alkyl which has 1 to 12 carbon atoms and is substituted by -COOH, -COOY₈, -CONH₂, -CONHY₉, -CONY₉Y₁₀, -NH₂, -NHY₉, -NY₉Y₁₀, -NHCOY₁₁, -CN and/or -OCOY₁₁;

alkyl which has 4 to 20 carbon atoms, is interrupted by one or more oxygen atoms and is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxyl or alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 3 to 6 carbon atoms, glycidyl, cyclohexyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxyl, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and/or -OCOY₁₁, phenylalkyl which has 1 to 5 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety and is unsubstituted or substituted by hydroxyl, chlorine and/or methyl, -COY₁₂ or -SO₂Y₁₃, or,

if u is 2,

Y₂ is alkylene having 2 to 16 carbon atoms, alkenylene having 4 to 12 carbon atoms, xylylene, alkylene which has 3 to 20 carbon atoms, is interrupted by one or more -O- atoms and/or is substituted by hydroxyl, -CH₂CH(OH)CH₂-O-Y₁₅-OCH₂CH(OH)CH₂, -CO-Y₁₆-CO-, -CO-NH-Y₁₇-NH-CO- or -(CH₂)_m-CO₂-Y₁₈-OCO-(CH₂)_m, in which

m is 1, 2 or 3,

Y₈ is alkyl having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 3 to 18 carbon atoms, alkyl which has 3 to 20 carbon atoms, is interrupted by one or more oxygen or sulfur atoms or -NT₆- and/or is substituted by hydroxyl, alkyl which has 1 to 4 carbon atoms and is substituted by -P(O)(OY₁₄)₂, -NY₉Y₁₀ or -OCOY₁₁ and/or hydroxyl, alkenyl having 3 to 18 carbon atoms, glycidyl, or phenylalkyl having 1 to 5 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety,

Y₉ and Y₁₀ independently of one another are alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, alkoxyalkyl having 3 to 12 carbon atoms, dialkylaminoalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms or cyclohexyl having 5 to 12 carbon atoms, or Y₉ and Y₁₀ together are alkylene, oxaalkylene or azaalkylene having in each case 3 to 9 carbon atoms,

Y₁₁ is alkyl having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 18 carbon atoms or phenyl,

Y₁₂ is alkyl having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, phenyl, alkoxy having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, phenoxy, alkylamino having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or phenylamino,

Y₁₃ is alkyl having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, phenyl or alkylphenyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms in the alkyl radical,

Y₁₄ is alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or phenyl,

Y₁₅ is alkylene having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, phenylene or a group -phenylene-M-phenylene- in which M is -O-, -S-, -SO₂-, -CH₂- or -C(CH₃)₂-,

Y₁₆ is alkylene, oxaalkylene or thiaalkylene having in each case 2 to 10 carbon atoms, phenylene or alkenylene having 2 to 6 carbon atoms,

Y₁₇ is alkylene having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, phenylene or alkylphenylene having 1 to 11 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, and

Y₁₈ is alkylene having 2 to 10 carbon atoms or alkylene which has 4 to 20 carbon atoms and is interrupted once or several times by oxygen;

in the compounds of the formula (IV) x is an integer from 1 to 3 and the substituents L independently of one another are hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy or alkylthio having in each case 1 to 22 carbon atoms, phenoxy or phenylthio.

9. **(previously presented)** A concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion according to claim 5 wherein the sterically hindered amine is selected from the group consisting of bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)sebacate, bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)succinate, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl)sebacate, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)sebacate, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidyl) n-butyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzylmalonate, the condensate of 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-hydroxypiperidine and succinic acid, linear or cyclic condensates of N,N'-bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)hexamethylenediamine and 4-tert-octylamino-2,6-dichloro-1,3,5-triazine, tris(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)nitritotriacetate, tetrakis(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-4-piperidyl)-1,2,3,4-butane-tetracarboxylate, 1,1'-(1,2-ethanediyl)-bis(3,3,5,5-tetramethylpiperazinone), 4-benzoyl-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, 4-stearyloxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine, bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidyl)-2-n-butyl-2-(2-hydroxy-3,5-di-tert-butylbenzyl)malonate, 3-n-octyl-7,7,9,9-tetramethyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]decan-2,4-dione, bis(1-octyloxy-2,2,6,6-

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10. **(previously presented)** A process for the preparation of a concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion with an average particle size of less than 1000 nm comprising the step of polymerizing at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer in the presence of a non-polar organic light stabilizer by heterophase radical polymerization;

wherein the weight ratio of non-polar organic light stabilizer to polymer carrier formed from the ethylenically unsaturated monomer is greater than 100 parts of light stabilizer per 100 parts of polymer carrier.

11. **(previously presented)** A process according to claim 10 comprising the steps of

a) dissolving, emulsifying or dispersing a non-polar organic light stabilizer in at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer;

b) preparing a conventional oil in water emulsion of said light stabilizer dissolved, emulsified or dispersed in at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer;

c) homogenizing the conventional emulsion to a miniemulsion wherein the droplets of the organic phase have an average diameter below 1000 nm;

d) polymerizing the miniemulsion by adding a polymerization initiator;

wherein the weight ratio of non-polar organic light stabilizer to polymer carrier formed from the ethylenically unsaturated monomer is greater than 100 parts of light stabilizer per 100 parts of polymer carrier.

12. **(currently amended)** A polymer powder obtained ~~obtainable~~ by vaporizing the volatile components of the concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion according to claim 1.

13. **(original)** A composition stabilized against thermal, oxidative or light-induced degradation which comprises,

(a) an organic material susceptible to thermal, oxidative or light induced degradation, and

(b) a concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion according to claim 1.

14. **(original)** A composition according to claim 13 wherein the amount of component b) is from 0.1 to 40% by weight based on the weight of the solid content of component a).

15. **(original)** A composition according to claim 13 wherein the organic material is a recording material.

16. **(original)** A composition according to claim 15 wherein the recording material is a photographic material or an ink jet material.
17. **(original)** A composition according to claim 15 wherein the recording material is a printed material containing the concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion in an overprint varnish.
18. **(previously presented)** A composition according to claim 13 wherein the organic material (a) is an adhesive, an aqueous emulsion of a natural or synthetic rubber, a water based ink or a water based coating.
19. **(cancelled).**
20. **(original)** A powder coating composition stabilized against thermal, oxidative or light-induced degradation comprising
- a) a solid binder material; and
 - b) a polymer powder according to claim 12.
21. **(original)** A composition stabilized against thermal, oxidative or light-induced degradation comprising
- a) a thermoplastic polymer and
 - b) a polymer powder according to claim 12.
22. **(previously presented)** A method of stabilizing an organic material susceptible to thermal, oxidative or light induced degradation, which comprises incorporating therein a stabilizingly effective amount of a concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion according to claim 1.
23. **(previously presented)** A method of stabilizing a powder coating against thermal, oxidative or light-induced degradation, which comprises incorporating therein a stabilizingly effective amount of a polymer powder according to claim 12.
24. **(previously presented)** A concentrated aqueous polymer dispersion according to claim 1 wherein the dispersion contains 20% by weight or more of the light stabilizer b) based on the total weight of the dispersion.